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## SU shows homecoming spirit



Dan McFarland photo

Homecoming Queen and King, Zeta Tau Alpha member Jenny Hackett and Sigma Pi member David Hersl, celebrate their victory at Sunday's game.

By Stacie Manger  
Staff Writer

SU celebrated homecoming last week with abundant spirit and amusement. The entertainment

started Monday night with the What Would You Do? game show and ended Saturday with the football game against Lake Erie College and the block party.

"I like how [homecoming] pro-

motes school spirit. The campus gets decorated and school spirit runs rampant through the campus," said SGA Vice President of External Affairs Patrick Gotham. "Almost everyone likes Salisbury during this week. But I do think all classes should be cancelled during homecoming."

During What Would You Do? on Monday night, student participants played a variety of games. Whoever lost was pied in the face while the winners received prizes. There was also a pie lottery and if a person was called, they got to choose whom they wanted to get pied.

Tuesday was the famous wing-eating contest. Seven contestants sat at a table in front of a crowd and were given two pounds of wings. Whoever ate the most in terms of weight would win. As soon as a judge yelled "Go," the seven participants stuffed their mouths full of fire and tried to suck down water to douse the flames. Keith Brennan, a last minute entry, was the winner, just barely beating his brother.

"[The contest] was very exciting to watch. One guy just stuck the wing in his mouth and stripped off the meat without biting. It was awesome," said junior Matthew Annanic.

The pep rally was held in Maggs Wednesday evening. The bleachers in Maggs were packed with scream-

ing students decked out in maroon and gold, beating thunder sticks and waving colored pompoms. Students watched the cheerleaders perform while Sammy the Seagull danced around and SGA threw free t-shirts and water bottles out to the crowd.

"I went to the pep rally and hung out with friends and got free stuff,"

said freshman Taylor Estes. "I really love the spirit and how many people get into it. I think the SGA does a great job at getting people involved and putting on great events."

Many students feel that SU's homecoming is adequate, but there

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Dan McFarland photo

SGA members pause for a breather on Saturday afternoon. Many of this year's Homecoming events were sponsored by these hard-working students.

## A taste of autumn



Sarah Wright photo

The Sixth Annual Salisbury Autumn Wine Festival was held this past weekend in Pemberton Park. Attendees were able to sample wine from a record 19 local wineries, including the Far Eastern Shore Winery and the Little Ashby Winery. Nearly 50 craft and food vendors participated in the festival, providing something to do between taste-tests. The Pemberton Historical Society was present, offering tours of the historic Pemberton Hall. Musical acts like the Brian Perez Quartet, Paul Cullen, and the UMES Jazz Band entertained festival guests as they strolled through the grounds. More information about the event can be found at <http://www.autumnwinefestival.org/index.html>.

## Lynch connects the dots

By Vanessa Junkin  
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Dotty Lynch spoke to the Salisbury community about the upcoming election in her lecture titled "Election 2008—McCain vs. Obama: How Will the Voters Decide?" As she spoke, Lynch went into depth discussing not just poll results, but various aspects of those results in relation to issues regarding the 2008 election.

Lynch has had many jobs relating to the political journalism field. Through the years, she's worked as a political analyst for CBS News, a journalist, a pollster, the owner of her own polling firm, a political editor for CBS, a professor at American University and more.

Lynch became interested in reporting on political issues, she said, because of her family, specifically her grandfather — whose best

friend was Alfred E. Smith, the first Catholic candidate for president — and also because of former President John F. Kennedy, who

"helped spark this interest."

Marking another first, Lynch set a milestone of her own in 1984, becoming the first woman pollster for a presidential election.

"No matter who you're going to vote for, everyone agrees that this is a historic election," she said in the lecture, noting that the upcoming election is not just the first with an African-American presidential candidate or the first with a vice presidential Republican woman candidate on a national ballot, but also an election with a higher number of registered voters as well as a greater amount of coverage by the media.

"Not until you get that top job, I think, is there ever real equality," she said in an interview.

Support for Barack

Obama has recently increased, Lynch discussed in the lecture, and while he and John McCain had

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Sarah Lake photo

CBS political analyst Dotty Lynch fills the audience in on what the polls are showing regarding the election.

was the first Catholic to be elected president.

She said the "feeling that a barrier had been smashed in that elec-

## Center for Student Achievement to host Grand Opening

By Ali Schwartz  
Staff Writer



Adrienne Price photo

Students Stephanie Jones and Julianna Luffred utilize the CSA's valuable resources.

The Center for Student Achievement officially opened its doors to students on the first day of classes and has already set in motion a variety of programs. At the Center for Student Achievement, students will find helpful services such as tutoring, academic recovery programs, study skills workshops and more.

The Center for Student Achievement's motto is: "Helping students achieve their academic potential." Director Heather Holmes and her staff are eager to

start doing just that. "We are so excited for a new student resource," Holmes said.

To address retention, persistence rates and academic success, one of the recommendations of the Foundations of Excellence Task Force was to establish an academic resource center where students would have access to intentional guidance and academic support. Two years later the Center for Student Achievement came to fruition. "The Center is an exciting new initiative which is the result of the collaboration between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs," Holmes said.

After almost two months in operation, the Center has seen plenty of students already. Students from athletic teams and other organizations use the Center regularly. "Many students seeking math course assistance have stopped by to sign up for our Math Learning Modules," said Susie West, CSA Administrative Assistant. The math learning modules, offered through ALEKS.com, are not meant to replace tutoring offered through the Math & Computer Science Department. Instead, the service allows students to practice certain math skills on their own

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TUESDAY 11/6/07	WEDNESDAY 11/7/07	THURSDAY 11/8/07	FRIDAY 11/9/07	SATURDAY 11/10/07	SUNDAY 11/11/07	MONDAY 11/12/07
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## Briefly Stated

### October 23 Deadline to Order Cap and Gown

December grads are reminded to order cap and gown from the bookstore by Oct. 23. Students who are not on campus during bookstore hours should contact Lisa Gray at 410-543-6590 or lgray@salisbury.edu to order and/or make shipping arrangements.

### Help Women's Ultimate

SU's women's ultimate team needs an advisor for two upcoming tournaments in order to use SU vans. Any faculty or staff who can help for one or both dates is needed. The team provides a private hotel room for the advisor on both trips. The weekend of Oct. 24-26, the team travels to North Carolina for a bracket tournament. They plan on leaving 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and leaving North Carolina 3 p.m. at the latest Sunday, Oct. 26. The weekend of November 14-16 the team travels to University of Delaware for a bracket tournament. They will leave for UD 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, and depart 5 p.m. at the latest Sunday, Nov. 16. For more information or to help as an advisor e-mail Sam Gibson sgibson@salisbury.edu.

### Michelangelo NYC Bus Trip

SU hosts a bus trip to the Bernadette Palitz Gallery in New York City to see the work of Renaissance master Michelangelo Saturday, Nov. 15. The exhibition includes faces of Michelangelo's life, art and reputation with more than a dozen original drawings and writings, some never before seen in the US. Tickets are \$40 for SU students, faculty, staff and alumni and \$70 for community members starting Wednesday, Oct. 23. This includes entry to the exhibit. Tickets may be purchased at the Guerrieri Center Information Desk. Buses depart from SU's Dogwood parking lot at 5 a.m. and will leave Manhattan to return at 7 p.m. The Office of Cultural Affairs sponsors the trip. For more information call 410-219-2872.

### Students in Free Enterprise

When it comes to making a difference in the community and growing as an individual, SIFE is the club to join. SIFE makes a difference in the community and develops individuals' skills to become socially responsible leaders. SIFE members will apply business principles to develop projects that address the different needs of people in various communities. Check out the SU Chapter at our Facebook. We are looking for more members and are holding an interest meeting on Tuesday, October 28.

## Face off: Madonna vs. Shakespeare



Sarah Wright photo

Lee Knier, SU's concert band director and principal trombonist in the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra, performs at Thursday night's lecture.

By Lauren Sadler  
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Dr. Linda Cockey, Music Department Chair, participated in the Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series sponsored by the Office of Cultural Affairs. Cockey explored common themes found in Renaissance music of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries and compared them with pop hits of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries in her lecture "The Pop Tunes of the Renaissance: What Would Madonna, Shakira, or Elvis Have

Sung if They Had Lived Back Then?"

"There was romance in music through the ages, and gossiping, too," Cockey said. Renaissance musicians were often monks and nuns who set lyric poems to music. Composers mainly chose from anonymous texts, Cockey said. Many texts by Shakespeare were also set to music, including "Greensleeves," to which Shakespeare made reference in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. New themes of humanism, education, reformation, classicism, and art furthered music's

secularization. People were interested in depicting the world around them and rediscovering classical modes of music that were once popular, Cockey said. They lessened their dependence on religion and began to modernize.

Renaissance music was spontaneous, much like today's music. There would be lots of sporadic and nonsensical syllables, improvisation, imitation and word painting, which is also very comparable to what is heard on the radio today. "Like a Virgin" by Madonna and "Summertime" by George Gershwin were compared to Renaissance songs like "Come Away, Come Sweet Love" and "Anguished Mourning."

The Chamber Choir performed

two songs, "Sing We Enchant It" and "Il Est Bel et Bon (He is Good and Handsome)." Also, several professors from UMES were guest performers. They played "My Bonnie," "Come Away, Come Sweet Love," and "There is a Lady Kind and Sweet" on the trumpet, trombone and piano.

Following the lecture was a reception in the social room where cake and coffee were served. The next lecture is Thursday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. in Holloway Hall. Robert Smith of the Theatre and Dance Department explains the connection between Italian comedy and popular sitcoms in his lecture "Classic Commedia Characters: Standards of Improvisation."



Sarah Wright photo

Members of the Chamber Choir don Renaissance apparel as they performed "Sing We Enchant It" and "Il Est Bel et Bon."

## SU blows the whistle on asthma

By Michelle Hinkle  
Staff Writer

The American Lung Association sponsored the fifth annual Eastern Shore Asthma Walk at the Salisbury City Park and Zoo last Saturday. The 5K event is an effort to "Blow the Whistle on Asthma." Donors and sponsors raised more than \$20,000 to fight asthma and lung disease.

At 10 a.m. walkers of all ages began their trek from the North Park Pavilion through Salisbury Park and around the walking paths of the Salisbury Zoo. The walk ended where it began but with participants filled with feelings of accomplishment and satisfaction. The American Lung Association reports that 35 million Americans struggle to breathe because of lung disease. Events like this one raise money for research, education and advocacy. More than 25 teams registered for the walk, including SU and UMES students.

The looming rain clouds did not darken the mood of walkers. Asthma sufferers, parents of children with asthma, and supportive community members agreed that the walk was worth the effort, rain or shine. "If all I have to do to help someone suffering with asthma is go for a walk in the park, you can sign me up every weekend," one walker said.

Lung disease ranks as the third greatest killer in Maryland and the United States, taking the lives of one in seven people. For \$1 a piece students in the bookstore to make donations to the walk. The Asthma Walk honors the 342,000 Americans that die of lung disease each year.

People are walking around the nation in the fight against asthma and other lung diseases. In an attempt to have clean air, the American Lung Association issued a Smokefree Air 2010 Challenge. The challenge asks all states to pass legislation that will declare areas smokefree. The goal is to protect all people from second-hand smoke by 2010. Currently 23 states and the District of Columbia have passed laws like this. Maryland joined the ranks by declaring all restaurants and bars non-smoking. The American Lung Association issued a report claiming 1 in 5 college students are still smoking. Events like the Asthma Walk are meant to inform smokers of the effects they are having on themselves as well as others.

There is no cure for asthma, but it is a manageable disease. The Asthma Walk fell short of its financial goals but was still successful in bringing the community together for a good cause.

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Sarah Lake photo. Although Obama seems to be in the lead, Lynch said she wouldn't assume he will win, as a lot can happen in the days to come.

Two other groups of voters — Hispanics and young people — also have more support for Obama, with a ratio of about 2:1 in both cases.

Although Obama seems to be in the lead, Lynch said she wouldn't assume he will win the election, because a lot can happen in the 19 days that were left as of Thursday. Earlier in her lecture, she said, "There couldn't be more excitement, nervousness [or] interest in what's going to happen both in the election and in the next four years to come."

## Homecoming

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are others who disagree. Junior Shautauqua Downs is one. "I feel like our homecoming isn't big enough. If you go to other DIII schools, they don't even compare. They have musical artists and their Greeks do step shows," she said.

The homecoming court winners were Zeta Tau Alpha member Jenny Hackett and Sigma Pi member David Hersl. Last year's winners



Brett Morgan photo

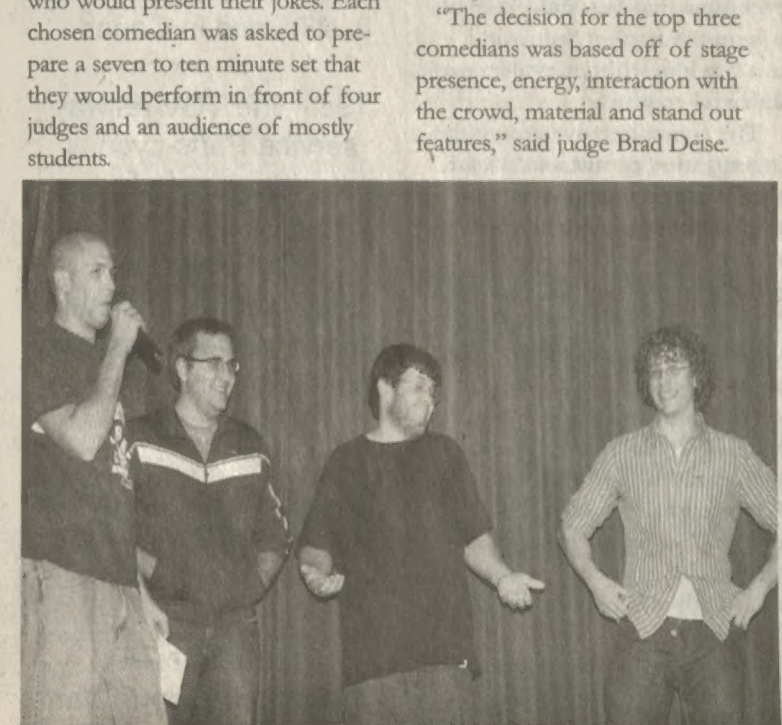
Students fire an oversized slingshot at Saturday's Homecoming block party.

## SOAP highlight Unger wins first ever Last Comic Standing

By Amanda Durski  
Staff Writer

Laughter resonated from a packed audience in Holloway Hall's auditorium on Friday, October 17, as jokes ranging from politics to Snow White were executed by hilarious comedians. These stand-ups were not the typical SOAP comedians; they were Salisbury students who showed off their talents at the University's first ever Last Comic Standing, an idea based off the popular Comedy Central show.

The plan to have the competition surfaced when SOAP had a comedian back out of his performance. Instead of finding someone new, they decided to discover the funniest kid on campus. Auditions were held to determine the eight individuals who would present their jokes. Each chosen comedian was asked to prepare a seven to ten minute set that they would perform in front of four judges and an audience of mostly students.



Sarah Wright photo

Student Activities Grad Assistant Todd Ostrom announces three finalists Ray Perdue, Paul Richardson, and Wyatt Unger, the winner.

Reoccurring themes in the jokes included politics, relationships and college life, but each comedian brought something new to the stage. After all eight individuals finished the judges deliberated and determined that Paul Richardson, Wyatt Unger and Ray Perdue were the top three performers.

"The decision for the top three comedians was based off of stage presence, energy, interaction with the crowd, material and stand out features," said judge Brad Deise.

Unger gets to open for a comedian in the spring semester.

Overall, Last Comic Standing was declared a success. "I thought it was hilarious," said student Emily Huff. "It was fun to see students we go to school with in a different format."

Fellow student, Enka Ell, agreed. "I definitely enjoyed the performances, and they should have it again next year."

The show gave young people the opportunity to make their fellow students laugh. In the words of participant Mateo Samper, "Comedy can instantly make someone's day a lot better. If everybody laughed more, the world would be a much better place."

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## Center

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time. "We truly believe in the value of these modules and look forward to evaluating their success," West said.

Another endeavor for the Center is the introduction of the Leadership Challenge Program. The program focuses on developing leadership skills on a personal, group and community level. By the end of the program, students will have completed the requirements, culminating with their student involvement portfolio.

The CSA staff hopes to branch out and is currently planning floor programs with Resident Assistants and University Park Clubhouse workshops. Furthermore, the Center offers help with the scholarship application process.

In addition to Dr. Heather Holmes and Susie West, Graduate Assistants Karl Morris and Leslie

Pusey complete the CSA staff. However, by next fall the CSA will be offering employment opportunities for students. Qualified applicants will complete training sessions before being hired as tutors and supplemental instruction leaders.

To promote the new Center and the Grand Opening, CSA staff will be hosting a "reverse trick-or-treat," where they'll be going around campus handing out candy. Other promotions include flyers, posters, highlighters, postcards, bookmarks and other goodies.

Everyone is invited to celebrate the CSA's Grand Opening on Thursday, Oct. 30 in the Guerrieri University Center, Room 213. Opening remarks will be made by President Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach and Provost Dr. Tom Jones, among others. Festivities,

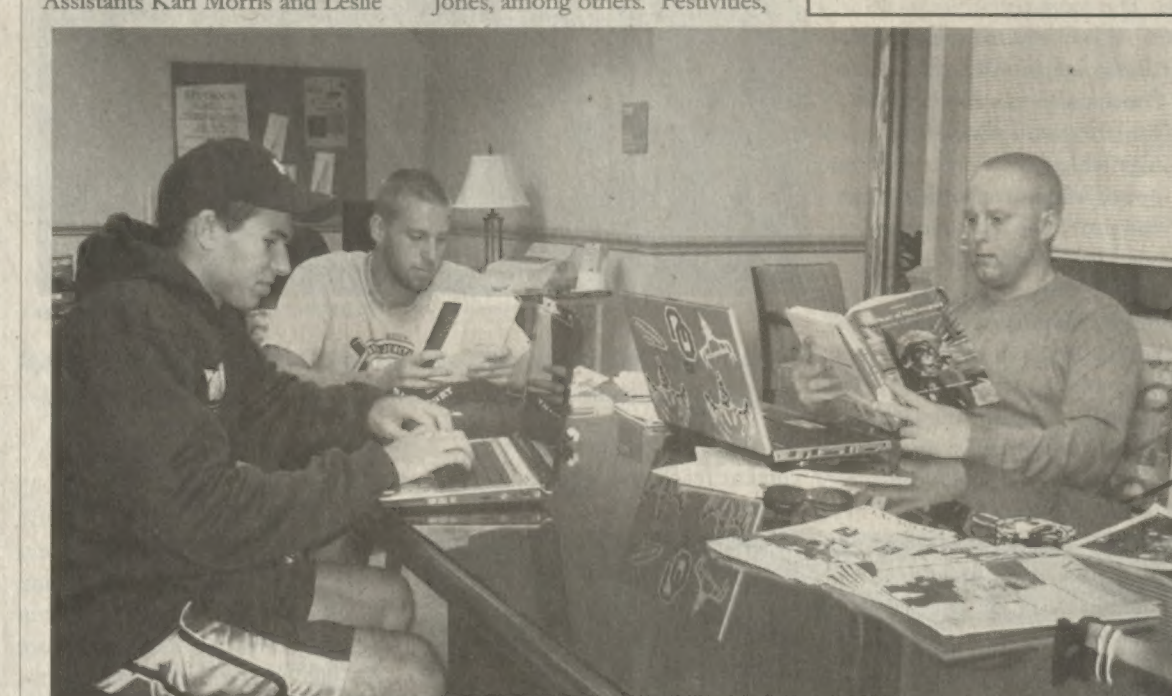
including door prizes, refreshments and free giveaways will begin at 3 p.m. and last until 5 p.m. For more information check out

www.salisbury.edu/achievement, call 410-677-4865, make an appointment, or stop by during their convenient hours posted on their Web site.

## CSA Grand Opening YOU'RE INVITED!!!

**WHAT: Formal Grand Opening of the New Center for Student Achievement WHERE: GUC Room 213 WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 30 3 - 5 p.m.**

**INFO: Free food! Free giveaways! Door prizes!**



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SU baseball players Daniel Trivits, Matt Byers and Cameron Shifler achieve on and off the field, as they study hard in the new Center for Student Achievement.

## TSA gives grant to Center for Conflict Resolution

By Randon Ryland  
Staff Writer

The U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) gave a \$460,000 federal grant to SU's Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR), to thoroughly research nationwide - their conflict management system. "Our goal is to empirically prove, through research and statistics, what's working and what's not and then come up with a plan to improve the conflict management system," said Haleigh LaChance, Research Associate and Director of Special Projects. "The most tangible thing you get out of it, besides the research, is you're able to produce Best Practices, which often comes in manual form," added Robert LaChance, Managing Director and Academic Program Coordinator. The CCR's

advised Best Practices for TSA's Integrated Management System—which helps reduce employee grievances and gives alternatives for internal dispute resolution—will benefit both TSA's 140,000 employees and the organization itself by saving money.

Though CCR works arduously, it does not forget its student-centered initiative. The Conflict Resolution Department hosts a Teaching Hospital Model which connects students to both its research and fieldwork, for the ultimate learning experience. Additionally, it adds value to the department's Master's Program as it provides more research and practice options. "The point of the Teaching Hospital Model is that we have three wings, the CCR department (which teaches), the research wing and the practice (like our mediation service).

So students are not only trained in the classroom but they're also gaining experience from both research and practice. That's the goal of the center: to involve students in everything that we do," Mrs. LaChance said. "Being able to participate is what helps you realize that you have the skills to do it." Mr. LaChance ended.

From Conflict Resolution's new private department, its promising Master's Program (beginning in fall 2009), Dr. Polkinghorne's Elkins Award, presenting Dr. Arun Gandhi-j, and the Federal Research Grant, it is clear that the CCR is on the up and up. Those interested can visit the Center for Conflict Resolution, on the intersection of Camden Ave and West College Ave, call 410-219-2873 or visit www.salisbury.edu/ccr for more information.

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## Nebraska safe haven law facilitates child-dumping

By Kelley Matney  
Staff Writer

Nebraska's safe haven law, enacted in July, was supposed to protect babies; however, it has since developed into a law that facilitates child-dumping.

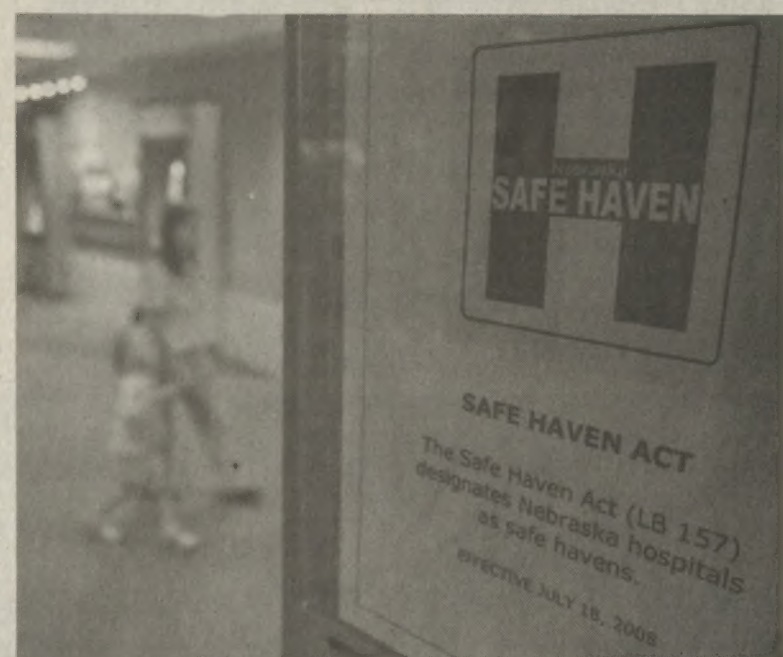
Since July, 18 children, including two teenagers, have been abandoned at Nebraska hospitals. The most recent was a 13-year-old boy who was dropped off at Creighton Medical Center in Omaha after his mother had driven him there all the way from Michigan.

Out of state drop-offs are one of the problems with the newly enacted law. Previously a 14-year-old girl was left at a Nebraska hospital after her father had crossed over the Iowa border.

"It really concerns me that [people from] other states are possibly going to be leaving their children here," said Nebraska state Senator Arnie Stuthman, who presented the bill that became the safe-haven law.

The way the law was written appears to be the main problem. Nebraska's safe haven law is different than those of other states. It allows anyone, not just the parents, to drop off a child; in one case, the grandparents dropped off the child.

Also the law doesn't disqualify or exclude people from out of the state from leaving their children in Nebraska, which allows



AP photo

This sign proclaims the Alegant Health Emmanuel Medical Center in Omaha, Neb., a designated safe haven place where children can be dropped off.

for some uncertainty about its current reach and who it pertains to.

Additionally, an age limit is not specified in the law. The law allows the dropping off of a child, which some have interpreted to mean any minor, which in Nebraska includes anyone under the age of 19.

Safe haven laws in most of the other states are designed so that parents may drop off a newborn baby that they don't want or cannot care for and such laws are limited to infants.

Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman said the recent abuse of the law shows the need to

put an age restriction in his state's safe haven law. "In the coming legislative session, I will advocate for changes that put the focus back on protecting an infant in danger," he says. "That should be our priority."

Lawmakers in Nebraska are not scheduled to come together again until January, but they are already planning on exploring and re-examining the law that they passed last spring.

Governor Heineman said that conveying a rare and uncommon special session of Nebraska's legislature to reevaluate and repair the safe haven law is not out of the question, but he is disinclined to do so.

The number of children being left is expected to continue to climb, especially with the struggling economic market. Research has shown the number of kids being left can increase during times of economic struggle because parents are pushed to the point where they can no longer afford to take care of their children.

"I certainly recognize and can commiserate and empathize with families across our state and across the country who are obviously struggling with parenting issues, but this is not the appropriate way of dealing with them, whether you're in Nebraska or whether you're in another state," said Todd Landry, who heads the state's Department of Health and Human Services' division of children and family services.



AP photo

Nebraska state Sen. Arnie Stuthman helped usher LB 157, a bill that made Nebraska the last state in the nation to pass a safe haven law.

## Judge orders release of 17 Guantanamo detainees



New York Times photo

These five Chinese Muslims were released from Guantanamo in June and sent to Albania to live as refugees. Few countries will accept them due to their past ties with a terrorist training camp.

By Jeremy Riffe  
Global Editor

On Oct. 7, a federal judge ordered the release of 17 Chinese Muslims, held at Guantanamo Bay, into the United States. The ruling may have ramifications for other cases regarding the continued confinement of individuals in the U.S. detention facility in Cuba.

The 17 detainees are Uighurs (WEE'-gurz), an ethnic group in the western Chinese province of Xinjiang. Uighurs are locked in a

struggle for separation from the People's Republic of China, which has been criticized for oppressing the ethnic and religious minority. Uighurs ultimately aim to achieve independence for their nation, which they call East Turkestan.

The detainees have been incarcerated by the United States government for seven years. The Uighurs were detained after the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in 2001. The detainees claim that, fleeing persecution from the Chinese government, they had settled in camps in Afghanistan.

When the U.S. began military action against the country, they relocated to Pakistan, where they were turned over to coalition troops by Pakistanis in exchange for a bounty of \$5000 each. The federal government claims that the Uighurs had fled a terrorist training camp before they were seized in Pakistan. The Uighurs were placed in Guantanamo in June 2002.

Throughout the period between 2004 and 2008, the government rescinded the enemy combatant status of the detainees and cleared them for

## Probe finds Palin unlawfully pressured former state trooper

By Sarah Duffy  
Staff Writer

Sarah Palin, the governor of Alaska and John McCain's running vice-presidential mate, was found to have unlawfully abused her authority during a dispute with the state's public safety official, Walter Monegan. A legislative committee's investigation of the dispute, which culminated in the firing of Monegan, found that Palin had pressured Monegan to fire an Alaska state trooper, a task he refused to carry out. Mike Wooten, the state trooper, underwent a nasty divorce with Palin's sister during the clash with Monegan.

Monegan admits feeling pressured to fire Wooten; however, the investigation did find other reasons for the trooper to be laid off. Allegations that Wooten had unlawfully used a Taser on a family member, shot a moose without a hunting permit and drank beer while driving a patrol car were filed by Palin's father shortly after the bitter divorce. Palin also claims that Wooten made death threats towards her father after the divorce.

"He was a bad example of his force," said Dave Larmore, secretary of SU's College Republicans. He believes Palin did pressure Monegan, but for good reasons.

"I don't think either side can do any more damage than they

already have," Larmore said.

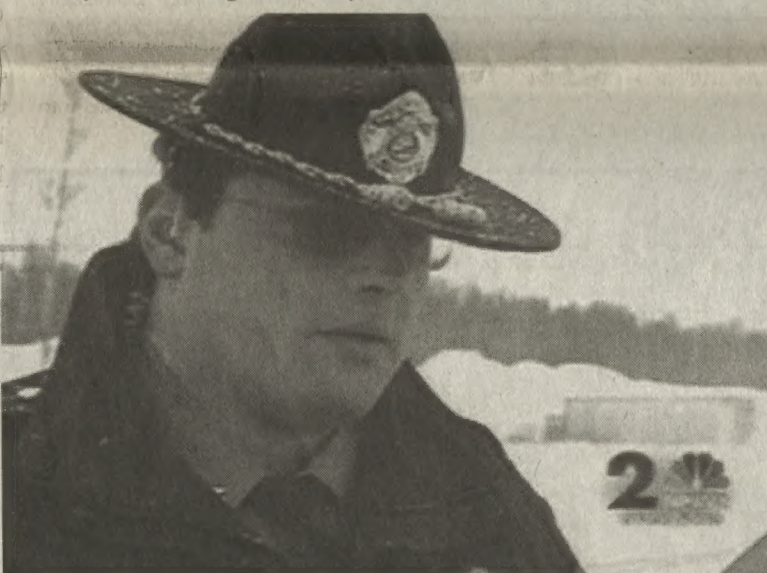
Palin argues that her dismissal of Monegan was over a legitimate budget dispute, rather than a family crisis. However, Palin and her family have been accused of abusing their political power in other ways.

The legislative report also investigated whether Palin's husband, Todd, meddled in state affairs. Her administration has also been accused of inappropriately accessing employee medical records.

Despite her denial, Palin does admit that six of her administrators made more than two dozen phone calls to various state officials about the dispute regarding Wooten. Monegan explained each time that he would keep an eye on the trooper, but could not fire him without evidence of unlawful conduct.

The committee overseeing the investigation planned to release the investigative report even though there were disagreements about its findings. They did find that Palin had pressured Monegan to fire Wooten. Questions still remain however, about whether Palin dismissed Monegan because he did not fire Wooten. In addition, the reasoning behind why she wanted Wooten fired is also still in debate. The legislative committee encourages people to be cautious with interpreting the controversy.

"People are quick to jump to conclusions," Larmore said.



NBC News photo

A recent probe found that Sarah Palin abused her powers in demanding the dismissal of officer Mike Wooten (above) while he was divorcing her sister.

release, but still held them at Guantanamo, citing a lack of willingness from any country to accept them. The United States, despite acknowledging that the Uighurs are not enemies of the U.S., refuses to allow them to enter the country, asserting that the Uighurs constitute a security threat. In 2006, Albania agreed to admit five other Uighurs released from Guantanamo, but has refused to allow any more into the country. The Chinese government, which demands that the detainees be repatriated to China, is the only state currently willing to take the Uighurs, but there is concern that they may be subjected to torture there as

China considers them to be terrorists.

In his ruling, Judge Ricardo Urbina said, "Because the Constitution prohibits indefinite detention without just cause, this court rules that the government's continued detention of the petitioners is unlawful."

Urbina ordered the release to occur by Friday, Oct. 11, and refused to grant a stay, saying that the Uighurs had waited long enough to be released. However, a stay was granted by an appeals court, allowing the Department of Justice to delay releasing the detainees while they appeal the ruling.



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This 2006 photo shows five Chinese Uighur Muslims who were released from the US-run Guantanamo Bay prison camp.

## HISTORY CORNER

October 21  
1959-In New York City, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum opens to the public. It was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

2001-"United We Stand" benefit concert for September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks victims, held at RFK Stadium in Washington, DC.

October 22  
1976-Red Dye No. 4 is banned by the US Food and Drug Administration after it is discovered that it causes tumors in the bladders of dogs. The dye is still used in Canada.

1981-The TGV railway service Paris-Lyon is inaugurated.

October 23  
1930-The first miniature golf tournament was completed in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

1989-Phillips Disaster in Pasadena, Texas killed 23 and injured 314

October 24  
1973-Yom Kippur War ends.

2002-Police arrest spree kills John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo, ending the Beltway sniper attacks in the area around Washington, DC.

October 25  
1972-The Washington Post reports that White House Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman was the fifth person to control a secret cash fund designed to finance illegal political sabotage and espionage during the 1972 presidential election campaign.

2001-Windows XP first became available.

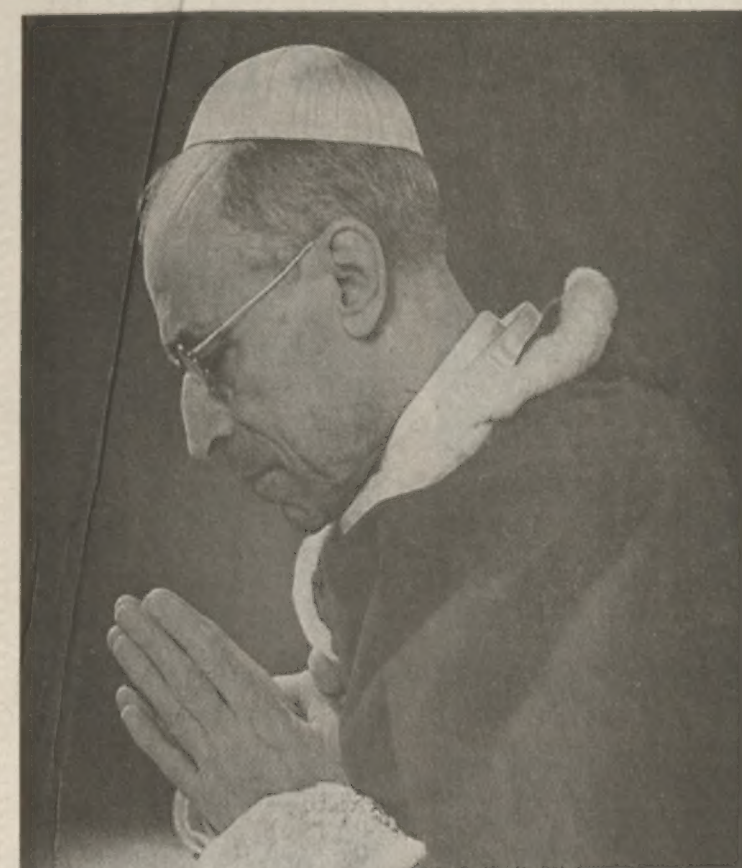
October 26  
1863-The Football Association is formed.

1965-The Beatles are appointed Members of the Order of the British Empire (MBEs).

October 27  
1992-United States Navy radioman Allen R. Schindler, Jr. is brutally murdered by shipmates for being gay, precipitating first military, then national debate about gays in the military that resulted in the United States "Don't ask, don't tell" military policy.

2004-Boston Red Sox win their first World Series in 86 years by defeating the St. Louis Cardinals four games to none.

## Benedict XVI pushing controversial pope's beatification toward Sainthood



www.holycross.edu photo

Pope Pius XII was elected pontiff in 1939, just months before war broke out in Europe. He has been accused of staying quiet during the Holocaust.

By Laura Dignan  
Staff Writer

Pope Pius XII is being pushed towards sainthood by Pope Benedict XVI despite accusations that he did not help Jews during the Holocaust. The beatification of Pius began in 1967 and will bring him one step closer to sainthood.

Pius was the Vatican Secretary of State when he was elected pontiff in 1939, just months before war broke out in Europe. He has often been accused of staying too quiet during the Holocaust and not doing everything he could to stop the extermination of six million Jews.

"In light of the real situations of this complex historical moment," said Pope Benedict XVI of Pius' silence, "he sensed that this was the only way to avoid the worst and save the greatest possible number of Jews."

Dr. Richard Bowler, a history professor at Salisbury University, said that there is no exact reason why Pius did not make his claims against the Nazi persecution more

public. "It appears that he believed these high profile actions would only make it harder for those wanting to aid Jews to do so and in the end bring about more suffering and death."

The 50th anniversary of the pontiff's death on Oct. 9 was Pope Benedict XVI's motivation to push



Reuters photo

Pope Benedict XVI prays at the Tomb of Pius XII on the fiftieth anniversary of his death, which was when Benedict felt motivated to push his sainthood.

Pius towards sainthood. Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said that Benedict is not setting a timetable for Pius' beatification. But The Rev. Peter Gumpel, a German Jesuit who is in favor of the late pontiff's beatification, said the process could take years.

Pius has been criticized in plays and even books, including John Cornwall's "Hitler's Pope."

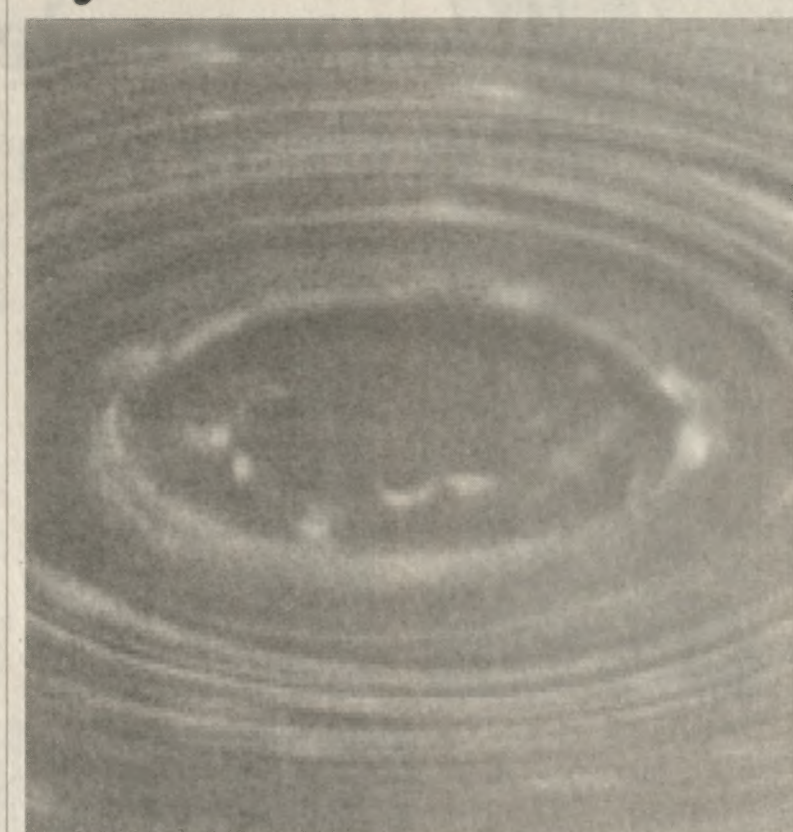
"Since 1963 the focus has been on Pius XII in search of evidence of his culpability, but nothing has been found," said Paolo Mieli, the director of the Italian daily *Corriere della Sera*. "Moreover, studies have brought to light abundant documentation that testifies to how the Church provided Jews with fundamental assistance."

Mieli, who is from a Jewish family and had relatives that died at Nazi concentration camps, rejected claims that the pontiff was silent during the tragedy, saying, "Pius XII was a great Pope."

The archives in the Vatican that deal with Pius' papacy are not yet open to historians. Bowler believes the delay is because of the personal and private nature of these documents.

"I think that the Vatican should move quickly to grant free access to these archives as soon as possible, which will contribute greatly to our knowledge of one of human history's darkest eras," Bowler said.

## NASA reports massive cyclone storms on Saturn



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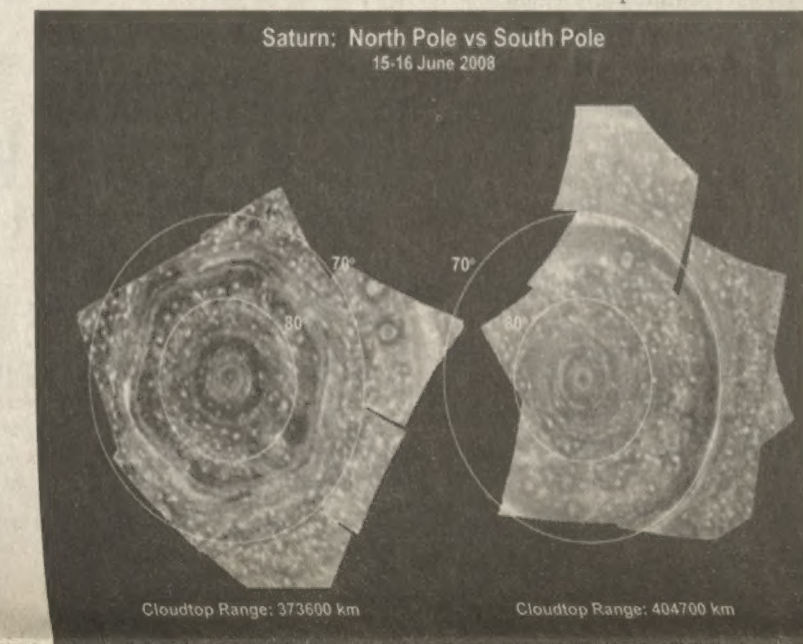
New images from NASA's Cassini spacecraft reveal a giant cyclone at Saturn's north pole, and show a similarly monstrous cyclone churning at Saturn's south pole.

By Eric J. Buratty  
Staff Writer

Giant cyclone storms were discovered recently above Saturn's poles by NASA scientists. These storms are roughly two-thirds the diameter of Earth and are stronger than most terrestrial hurricanes. "These truly are massive cyclones, hundreds of times stronger than the most giant hurricanes on Earth," said Kevin Baines, a NASA Cassini spacecraft scientist. Researchers believe that the storms are powered by heat released from condensing water in thunderstorms deep down in the atmosphere. This is similar to the process in the Earth's atmosphere which powers hurricane vortices.

Unlike Earth's hurricanes which typically stem from the ocean's heat and water, Saturn's cyclones do not have bodies of water at their bases. Over the course of observations of storms on each pole, the southern storm stood out as having grown 10 times in size. Though it looks like a hurricane, Cassini spacecraft scientists proposed that it does not behave like

one. This suggests that other gas-planet storms like the Great Red Spot on Jupiter and many other smaller storms on both Saturn and Jupiter do not have eyes such as this.



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This is a side-by-side view of large cyclones at both poles of Saturn obtained by the visual and infrared mapping spectrometer onboard the Cassini spacecraft.

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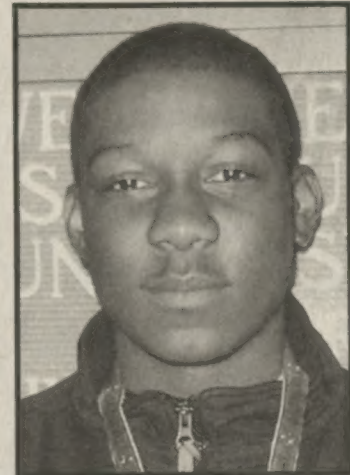
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## If you were elected president, what's the first thing you would do?



"I would call the Middle East and tell them this is silly, let's call it quits, can't we all be friends?"

Alex Reyes - sophomore



"I would end the war."

Brandon Sturgis - junior



"I would have a party!"

Beth Wilson - junior



"I would work on a plan to lower gas prices and to produce more oil refineries in the U.S."

Linda Johnson - senior



"I would try to figure out why we are still in Iraq and to get out of there ASAP"

Stephen Schuckert - freshman



"I would immediately lower the drinking age to 18."

Tim Slater - freshman

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No child let ahead:  
Failing our brightest mindsBy Zachary Caceres  
Staff Writer

Pressing issues like economic turmoil, alternative energy and curing cancer all demand the attention of America's best and brightest. Yet despite billions in investment and massive government expansion in education, American students consistently underperform their foreign counterparts. It is obvious that our education woes can not be solved by tossing more money at public schools, but only through a change in our philosophy. The first and most crucial step in rescuing education is to address the plight of our most promising young minds.

It is widely accepted that pre-college education is a painful preparation for real learning in college. Many college students (especially high achievers) regard their early education with a cynicism that hints of deep resentment. We all had our playground traumas and awkward phases, but why, especially among hard-working, independent-minded students, should the entire experience be painted with such a thick veneer

of discontentment? These admirable students know – at least implicitly – that they have been robbed.

In elementary school, we were given "art projects" designed for use in government anti-smoking campaigns. In science, we learned about environmentalism through lab experiment charades. Aside from being colossal wastes of class time – children could have been learning to appreciate real art, or real scientific principles to apply to environmental issues – elementary and middle school students are in no place to make the moral judgments required in these activities. A 9-year-old does not have a well-reasoned position on recycling or smoking bans and to use their young, eager minds as a propagandist's pen is indoctrination, not education.

In English, we read tribal folktales alongside Victor Hugo, as though both were equal literary appraisals of man. We learned a laundry-list of acronyms and "ten-dollar words" to offer the

false pretense of writing ability to standardized test scorers. In "Social Studies," a fittingly diluted euphemism for history, we learned events chosen from arbitrary themes: no chronological progression, no hierarchy and no logical connectedness. We often had "discussions," in which everyone's opinion was valid; differences were matters of culture, not reasoning. In math, 2+2=5 earned half a point so long as you showed your work. Students that showed interest in learning a subject were made tutors of those that did not; thus success meant ostracism and undue burden.

We destroy standards of knowledge and with it, incentive to learn. We replace logic with subjectivity, debate with platitudes. We chain our hard-workers to lazy, apathetic peers. Is it any wonder then, that so many of America's brightest never strive beyond the mediocre?



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SU honors student offended by University president's bumper sticker

Janet Dudley-Eshbach thinks Salisbury University students are dumb. Or at least that's the impression one gets when looking at her bumper sticker, which reads, "My corgi is smarter than your honor student." (This, mind you, is a physical bumper sticker, not a virtual one, as Eshbach had to remove her online profile after last fall's Facebook debacle.)

All puns aside, these are both good examples of Eshbach's disturbing habit of acting without thinking about the way her actions are perceived. While Eshbach probably doesn't actually think that her dog's mental prowess exceeds that of her students, the fact remains that Eshbach thinks this mockery of high-achieving students is a

suitable message to present to the community. Her unthinking message represents disdain for academic achievements, an unexpected and inappropriate attitude for the University's president.

As a senior applying to graduate schools, the University's reputation has never been more important to me. I'm sure those headed into the job market feel the same way. In the next few months, my classmates and I will be judged not just on our own reputations, but on that of the University. It would be nice to know that my affiliation with Salisbury University will be a positive aspect of my grad school application, not an obstacle that might prevent my acceptance. In the last decade, SU has made a big change for the better, but this change is not necessarily reflected in the way

people perceive our school. If we want the community, both academic and geographic, to respect SU, we need to project the idea that we're worth respecting, and this has to begin with our president. It's hard to respect a president who drives a giant SUV across the street from her residence to Holloway Hall yet lectures about the importance of SU's new sustainability initiative. It's hard to respect a president who, when faced with a hiring freeze due to a bad economy, continues to waste University money by driving a golf cart across our small campus. Most of all, it's hard to respect a president who doesn't seem to respect her students. Or at least that's how it seems to me. But what do I know? Remember, I'm no corgi.

-Disgruntled Honor Student

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~SUDOKU~  
The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

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					6			7
	6			9			7	5
		1			9			
9	7			4			6	
3			8					
	4			6	2	3		
		5			3	4		

Difficulty Rating: Medium

## Solution to last week's puzzle:

8	1	5	6	7	4	3	9	2
6	3	7	5	2	9	4	8	1
9	4	2	8	1	3	7	5	6
3	5	8	7	6	2	1	4	9
2	9	1	4	5	8	6	3	7
7	6	4	3	9	1	5	2	8
5	2	9	1	4	6	8	7	3
1	7	3	9	8	5	2	6	4
4	8	6	2	3	7	9	1	5

An unruly House...  
Representatives refuse to give accountabilityBy Jeremy Riffle  
Editorial Editor

Last week, Rep. Tim Mahoney, D-Fla., asked the House Ethics Committee to review his own conduct regarding an extramarital affair. Mahoney has admitted to having multiple affairs, but the allegation that he paid a mistress, who also worked for him as a staffer, \$121,000 in hush money to avoid charges of sexual harassment appears to be what he really wants to clear up. This June, Rep. Charlie Rangel, D-N.Y., provided the precedent by asking for a probe of himself regarding a claim that he used official letterhead to solicit donations. While it might be nice to think that the two representatives are attempting to be transparent about their own conduct, the reality is a bit more disheartening.

In 1997, both parties in the House of Representatives managed to agree about something. It wasn't a deal to address any pressing concern of the nation. It was, in a way, a deal to put aside partisan bickering... about ethics. The House passed a rule stating that ethics complaints against a representative can only be filed by another representative, which allowed an informal "ethics truce" to flourish. This ethics truce requires that both parties refrain from lodging complaints about possible ethics violations by members of the other party. Supposedly, each

party is to police itself. As a result, we are seeing representatives – at least the ones who seem to care about their own reputations – asking for ethics probes of their own behaviors.

While politicians should be open to compromises with the other party, this is a political compromise that should be unacceptable to the American people. One of the advantages to having political parties – believe it or not, there actually are advantages – is that each party, in theory, will act as a check on the other, exposing flaws within the other party's proposed legislation, prohibiting abuses of the majority party's power, and bringing light to bear upon violations of ethical rules.

The presence of this truce is evident when one looks at the ethics investigations that have been called for since 1998. There have been three, Mahoney's, Rangel's and a 2004 complaint about then Majority Leader Tom Delay (R-TX). This is despite other incidents that have reflected badly on the House, including the Jack Abramoff scandal, a bribery scandal that brought about the resignation and incarceration of former Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham, R-Calif., and the assault of a police officer by then Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Ga. None of these incidents had an ethics probe by the House.

We deserve better. If these politicians refuse to give us accountability through their offices, it is time that we demand accountability through our voices and our votes.



Rep. Tim Mahoney, D-Fla.



Rep. Charlie Rangel, D-N.Y.



Rep. Randy Cunningham, R-Calif.



Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Ga.

## Bar fight should not reflect all students

By Bethany Jeffries  
Staff Writer

Innocent until proven guilty is completely applicable in today's modern judicial era, especially involving college students and off campus activities. Seven students from the University were involved in a bar fight two weeks ago. It happened at the Monkey Barrel, a popular bar near the University, after the football team returned from an away game. While the team drove a decisive victory home, they drove straight into unforeseeable trouble at the bar. A night on the town that was supposed to end in revelry and all

around fun ended with police and sirens, arrests and confusion. These seven students, previously on the football team (and they may yet return) were apparently too rowdy, according to several students at the scene; but there were multiple accounts about what had exactly happened. When police arrived at the scene, it was allegedly a brawl and one student allegedly lashed out at an officer, resulting in charges being made and arrests taking place. These students were apparently having too much fun, had too much to drink, or there was simply too much testosterone in the air that night.

Many in the community have used this fight to typify the entire University, despite the fact that any student involved in drugs, violence or other activities of disreputable nature are usually suspended or expelled in an attempt to keep such individuals from tarnishing Salisbury's image. These students weren't representing the University when they went drinking to celebrate a game and became too boisterous. They were simply themselves, displaying their own individual qualities, and shouldn't be held as an example of Salisbury University.

The actions of a few shouldn't paint the entire school; likewise,

this school shouldn't flag these seven with the misdeeds of many. They should be charged with exactly what they did, have a hearing and feel the reprimand of their actions. Off campus violence is not tolerated in by the University, and I believe the police and officials involved should be thanked for their quick and decisive actions regarding that night. If the individuals involved in the incident that occurred at the bar are found to be innocent, then their records should be clean; being found innocent should result in their returning to the team.

By Derek Pettinelli  
Staff Writer

In a time where the presidential debates are encompassing every avenue of media, people are seemingly oblivious to what Bush is doing. Just last week, he signed a controversial new bill into law called the Prioritizing Resources and Organization for Intellectual Property Act of 2007, or PRO-IP Act.

Both the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), who have been in the news as of late for suing those who download music and movies, heavily backed this new law, as did the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The law also creates a new upper level "copyright czar" within the Justice Department whose job it will be to enforce this new law, though the duty to appoint the new czar will most likely rest upon the next president. In essence, this new law stiffens already established penalties and further shifts the balance of power towards the large media companies.

Opponents of the bill mainly include civil rights activists who argue that there are existing laws in place for this and they are already very strict. In addition, it enables the government to more

easily seize property, so if you're using a computer for homework and download some songs on it, they can easily take your computer from you. This happens in a time when media is already heavily restricted, when iTunes, Napster and other music services don't even let you own the music that you pay for. These songs, restricted with digital rights management (DRM), are ones that you don't even own, despite paying for them. The Yahoo Music Unlimited service is a perfect example, as subscribers to Yahoo were advised to back up their songs before the service merged with the Rhapsody service, which not only increased the monthly fee for customers, but would also render their old songs unplayable.

It also continues an established path of treating the consumer as a criminal and making them jump through hoops for things that they already paid for. Basically, it comes down to more of your tax dollars being spent in order to further the degradation of personal liberties and to give more power to large conglomerates, which can not only take your computer from you, but can also sue you for up to \$1.5 million if they want to and judging by their past history of suing grandmothers, students will make very easy targets.

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# Student musician hopes to climb the charts



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SU junior Kaylan Rexer is a self-taught musician. She frequents clubs in Salisbury, Ocean City and Guatemala. Her ultimate dream is to help others through her music...that and appear on the Ellen DeGeneres show.

By Jillian Verpent  
Staff Writer

She started playing the drums at age four. She has been writing songs for as long as she can remember. In high school, she picked up a guitar and taught herself how to play. Now, Salisbury University student Kaylan Rexer is taking steps to make a career out of her music.

A native of Long Island, New York, Rexer has never taken formal lessons in singing or playing any instrument. It is something that always came naturally to her and has always been a huge part of her life. She gets inspiration for her songs, all self-written with a folk quality to them, from experiences in her life and the relationships she has had.

"I love music. It is one thing that doesn't feel like work to me," Rexer said. "If I practice for five hours I don't feel like I've been

working; I'm just doing what I love to do. I think that you should love doing what you do for a living."

The first time Rexer performed was in Guatemala at a bar owned by her uncle, in front of 30 to 40 people. It was an experience she described as completely nerve-racking, but a lot of fun. She has performed at several open mic nights and recently had a spot on WOCM 98.1. Rexer is looking into booking more performances now that she has the first couple behind her.

"I like the nervous feeling and the adrenaline rush you get right before going on stage," Rexer said.

Rexer has also spent time in the recording studio working with producer Taylor McLean. McLean's music has been featured in over 100 commercial spots and he co-wrote the song "Jungle in the Circus" for Gavin Rossdale's latest album, *Wanderlust*.

McLean and his wife are family

friends and his wife has always been trying to convince Rexer to record some of her music. Together Rexer and McLean recorded her songs "I Think It's Sweet" and "Was It What You Wanted." Both songs will be available on iTunes within the next month.

Music is not the only field Rexer has interest in. She is majoring in conflict analysis and dispute resolution at SU and she interned for Monica Willard, an NGO representative for the United Nations. She specifically worked on putting together a multimedia project aimed at kids for International Day of Peace.

Rexer said that she would like to continue volunteering, no matter what her career path ends up being. She is looking into performing at a benefit concert in Guatemala. "I want to use my music for good," Rexer said. "And I would like to be on the Ellen DeGeneres show."

## Residence Halls take it to the field Nanticoke wins annual Powder Puff Football game

By Robert Cogdell  
Staff Writer

This past Friday residence halls duked it out in the annual powder puff football game, on the front lawn of Holloway Hall. Although other events, such as Battle of the Bands, had been cancelled due to inclement weather, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) hosted the event, rain or shine.

Each of the ten residence halls had individual teams with the exception of Saint Martin's Hall, who teamed up with the Choptank Coyotes due to lack of participants, and Chesapeake, who did not have a team. Each team came equipped with a catchy name and clever uniforms.

Dressed in blue jersey style shirts, the Chester Cyclones' shirts read: "Move your body like a cyclone." The Dogwood Bloods wore red shirts and matching bandanas. Other uniforms included pink tie-dye shirts and black shirts with short shorts.



Sarah Lake photo

The Chester Cyclones huddle up in between plays at Friday's game. They defeated the Dogwood Bloods in this match and moved up.

On the fields, each female participant played tough, as the males, dressed in uniforms, cheered on the side lines. Freshman Vincent Gutierrez, cheering for Chester, came bare-chested, clad only in a blue painted-on writing and a cyclone on his back. "I did [body paint] in high school. The girls do their thing, so I do mine," Gutierrez said. Another male cheerleader, Spencer Beth, of the Nanticoke United, wore a rolled up white shirt and short yellow shorts.

"Somebody's gotta do it. It's pretty damn fun. Nanticoke's gonna win," Beth declared. Collectively, not only did participants play for pride, but they also played to meet new people, strengthen bonds between residence halls and enjoy each other's company. "[Playing] will make you closer. You can interact with the school and meet new people," said Arika Stanowski, who represented the Manokin Manta Rays. Likewise, on the opposing Severn Stallions, Vanice Antrum and Chelsea Copeland encouraged all those who did not play to come out and "support their buildings."

Despite the teams that lacked players, and the one residence hall missing in action, President of RHA, Emily Rodgers was happy with how the game went. "This event really brings residents closer together and we have a better turn out this year because there are more people willing to play, and more freshmen open to new clubs,"



Sarah Lake photo

A Severn resident dodges a Choptank resident and goes on to score a touchdown. Choptank won this match and moved on to the finals.

Participants play for pride, but they also played to meet new people, strengthen bonds between residence halls and enjoy each other's company. "[Playing] will make you closer. You can interact with the school and meet new people," said Arika Stanowski, who represented the Manokin Manta Rays. Likewise, on the opposing Severn Stallions, Vanice Antrum and Chelsea Copeland encouraged all those who did not play to come out and "support their buildings."

Despite the teams that lacked players, and the one residence hall missing in action, President of RHA, Emily Rodgers was happy with how the game went. "This event really brings residents closer together and we have a better turn out this year because there are more people willing to play, and more freshmen open to new clubs,"

Rodgers said. The powder puff game was just one of four main events hosted by the RHA, with the major ones being the highly anticipated Spring Olympics, and the Hollywood-themed dance in December.

Spirits were heavy as Nanticoke won the game, the pride and the title to be carried over until Spring Olympics, which losing teams are looking forward to as a chance to reclaim victory.

Anticipated changes to future games include assigned team colors and uniforms. Sean Jones, RHA member, hopes to establish and familiarize rules for easier game play and to promote it more. He also hopes the powder puff football game will become a "bigger event" on campus, in hopes that more people will participate and join in on the competitive fun.

## Broadway actress, alumna returns to SU



Jennifer Hope Wills

SALISBURY, MD.—Broadway actress Jennifer Hope Wills returns to her Alma Mater this fall for its inaugural Alumni Artist Showcase. Presented by Salisbury University's Bobbi Biron Theatre Program, the two-part event is Friday, October 31.

Nearly two years ago, Wills stepped into the starring role of Christine Daac in The Phantom of the Opera at New York City's

Majestic Theatre. The musical is the longest-running show in Broadway history.

Hosted by Dr. T. Paul Pfeiffer, artistic director of the theatre program for the new Department of Theatre and Dance, the showcase will give students and the community a chance to meet and talk with one of SU's own theatre professionals.

"As part of our first season as a new department, we are turning to our success stories to help us celebrate," he said. "Each semester, we plan to bring back a graduate to talk about his or her life actually working in theatre. I am delighted that the first of these returning professionals is Jennifer Hope Wills."

First, Wills will discuss preparing for and entering the profession at 11 am in the Black Box Theatre of Fulton Hall. That evening, she will offer a brief performance and then

discuss surviving "the biz" and its realities at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall. Both sessions will include time for Q&A with Wills.

An Ocean City native, Wills, who is currently on maternity leave from the production, was the 12th actress to play the Phantom's object of adoration in the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical. Previously, she appeared on Broadway in The Woman in White, as well as in Wonderful Town, opposite actress Brooke Shields. She also played one of Disney's most popular heroines - Belle in Beauty and the Beast.

Wills' love of performing was nurtured by her theatrical parents who started Parker Playhouse in Ocean City. While an SU student, she performed under Pfeiffer's direction and tutelage in West Side Story, The Grapes of Wrath and her favorite, The Secret Garden. She

said support from SU faculty and students instilled in her the confidence to head out into the real world and pursue her dreams of a career in theatre.

"The intimate and nurturing environment allowed me to explore many interests and at the same time provided a strong focused guidance on my main path," she said. "This gave me an incredibly well-rounded education and preparation for life."

After graduating from SU, Wills came back with a bachelor's in music education. Wills earned a Master of Music in vocal performance and pedagogy from Indiana University, one of the nation's top schools of music. She has performed in musicals on the East Coast and around the country.

Admission is free and the public is invited. For information call 410-548-6228 or e-mail theatreboxoffice@salisbury.edu.

## Club Spotlight Organization of Latin American Students

By Breanna Nunez  
Staff Writer

There's a new force on campus this semester on the club front. OLAS, or the Organization of Latin American Students, is back with a vengeance this year as they attempt to reinvent the club as a whole and change old perspectives of what the club used to be. Leading this resurgence is the president and SU senior Rachel Bowen.

"We are starting off fresh this year...we have big plans for the organization in the future," Bowen said. It has been about two years since SU has seen the face of OLAS, when it died out because of lack of leadership and commitment, and its new current members are looking to bring it back stronger than ever.

The idea to start OLAS back up came when Vaughn White, the director of Multicultural Student Services, sent out an e-mail in May 2008 to start a focus group for Hispanic students attending SU.

When Bowen showed up, she realized how great the lack of awareness and promotion towards the Latino culture really was and decided to do something about it.

With the help of White, Bowen has successfully started OLAS back up, revamped and ready to take SU by storm. "With the new

base of freshmen and sophomores we have, we are able to build a foundation that will last and once I graduate they'll be able to keep it going...who knows, maybe we'll be as big as SGA one day!" Bowen said.

OLAS would like to emphasize that they are open to anyone and everyone who attends SU, undergraduates and graduates, freshmen and seniors, Latino or not. "It's all in the works, we're open to any new members and ideas right now...the more, the merrier!" Bowen said.

For the rest of this semester, OLAS is planning on building a solid foundation before they begin to plan too many activities. They want to make sure that they take care of promoting the awareness on campus before they try and plan activities off campus, but they do have plenty of ideas in mind like soup kitchens, tutoring ESOL students at local elementary schools, and plenty more.

"Don't let not being Latino or not being fluent in the language hold you back...it's all about wanting to help out," Bowen said. If you are interested in OLAS, whether becoming a member or just learning more, you can contact Bowen via e-mail, rb51388@students.salisbury.edu.



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The Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS) was recently reinvented by senior Rachel Bowen, who has big plans for the group.

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"I want to break up with my best friend. Over a year ago, she finally broke up with her cheating, drunk boyfriend after we pressured her into doing it. She hasn't stopped talking about it since. I almost want her to get back together with him just so she'd shut up. Help!"

"I was out with my friends the other night and they let it slip that my ex is dating another girl. It's only been a month since we broke up! I couldn't imagine being with someone so soon. I see him in every guy I look at. Besides, I was hoping we would get back together-but how can I be with him after he's been with someone else? Is he thinking about me when he's hooking up with her?"

People move on after a breakup. Sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. The thing you have to remember is that it was over for him before he ended it, so he had a head start on the process of getting over you. Not only that, but people mourn breakups in different ways. Some like to do it alone, and others like to jump right back into dating.

It sounds like you shouldn't exactly be banking on reconciliation so it doesn't really matter what he's thinking when he's hooking up with his new lady. My guess is that since he was the one to move on first, he is not looking back. All you need to know is that you are destined to find a better relationship once you let go of this one.

Start by getting rid of things that remind you of him, don't call him, and enlist a breakup buddy that you can call when you feel like contacting him. It's going to be hard at first but backsliding into calling him is not going to make it better. Move on and find someone who really wants to be with you.

## Unordinarily S(h)ane

### The true value of a dollar

By Shane Hill  
Staff Writer

They say that it's important to learn the value of a dollar at some point in life. It's about who can get the quickest dollar and there are thousands of get-rich-quick schemes. With phrases like "get rich or die trying," it's no wonder people bend over backwards for a dollar. What it all boils down to is greed; not only how much you need versus how much you want, but what you're willing to do to get it. Then the true question is, what is the true value of a dollar?

For the average struggling college student, paying for college in and of itself is a difficult task. Between loans, managing and working towards scholarships, or even asking distant relatives and estranged parents for money, it can be hell. Most people get jobs ranging from office assistant to grounds keeping, and then some. All in all though, one thing stands true, if you are not willing to earn the money, you don't need it.

I had a friend named Chelsea, who would rather drink a cup of grease than work at any place dealing with food. The funny thing is the lack of common sense in that beggars can't be choosers. I also had a friend who worked at a fast food chain, and like Chelsea, he got what he put in - a promotion,

better pay, and a résumé builder, whereas she remained unemployed and broke.

Where there is a need for dough, predators are ready to hustle, cheat and lie their way into your pockets at the price of a cheap trick, whether it be free food or cheap crap. If there's one piece of financial advice to bet, it's that nothing is truly free. We may not pay now, but we pay in the future with our credit.

Greed sometimes overcomes us and, with wool over our eyes, we lose sight of our dignity, and ourselves. And like predators, the sight of a wad of cash can make the most upright person get on all fours and bark. I have known a couple of people to escort and work in the adult entertainment industry because of the pay. Both the money and the pay were great, but at what cost - missing classes, failing school and dropping out? Then is it really worth saving up for something you lose in the process of working for it?

In a world striving so hard to be green, it seems as though we're polluted with it. Everyday we sign our lives away not just to predators, but to greed. And the work we put towards it is non-refundable. Only when you have nothing, and honestly work towards something, do you learn the true value of a dollar, and better yet, true self worth.

## Amber Madison hooks up with SU

By Ashlee Laughlin  
Staff Writer

S.O.A.P. Speaks spiced things up this month by inviting former sex columnist Amber Madison to campus. The 22-year-old graduate of Tufts University is the author of "Hooking Up: A Girl's All-Out Guide to Sex & Sexuality." Her lecture in Holloway Hall left no stone unturned while discussing the topic of sex. In her debut book, Madison gives an honest opinion on a variety of topics regarding sexual activity, intimacy, and the emotional aspects that are so often ignored.

Early in the presentation, Madison mentioned how open she and her parents were about sex during her high school years. She also shared humorous personal stories to draw in the interest of the audience. One story that sent many snickering waves through the audience recounted a time Madison was caught in a compromising position by her father during her high school years. Although her father was very disappointed at her for awhile, today they have a close knit relationship despite her sexual adventures as a teenager.

In a power point presentation, Madison discussed the topics of The Female Orgasm, Masturbation, and How to Have Safer Sex, to name a few. The informal atmosphere of the presentation allowed audience members to erase their preconceived notions of a "sex talk." Often interrupted by laughter and chatter, Madison spent over an hour on everything about sex and relation-

ships. One topic familiar to the audience was safe sex. She gave several reasons, facts, and even pictures to showcase what could happen if one did not practice safe sex. The pictures were very explicit and caused an array of blank stares and vocal reactions from the audience. The pictures were definitely the most instrumental in getting her point across.

In addition, Madison talked about one of the most overlooked factors of sex: effective communication. Madison credited "effective communication with your partner as the key to healthy relationships." She gave the example of how communicating to your partner what pleases you, along with constructive criticism, can lead to a more pleasurable sex life.

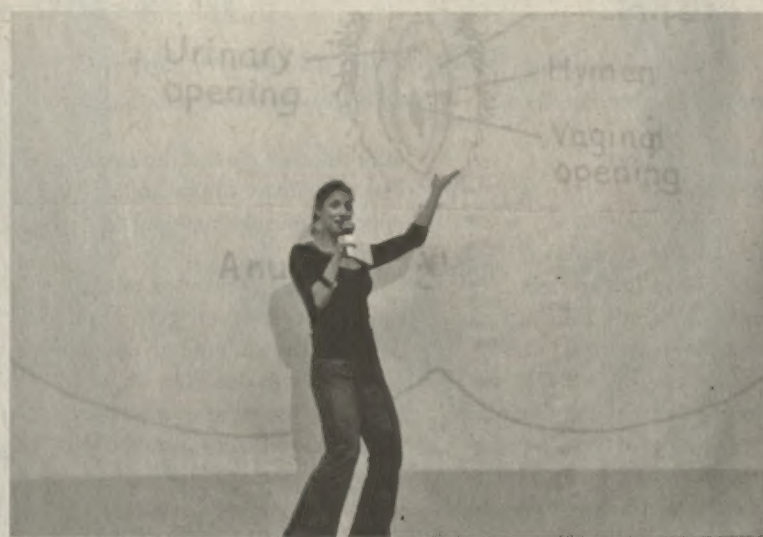
As Madison's lecture came to a close, she entertained questions from the audience. There were several audience members who were brave enough to ask some steamy questions. They ranged from sexual encounter advice to intimacy imbalances. She urged students to erase the negative stigma concerning free expression around sex.

Madison took a comedic approach to express vital information while maintaining the interest of the many young women and a few gentlemen that sat in the audience. Madison is currently touring across the United States to promote her book and the free expression of sex. You can find tour details, resources, and additional information via her Web site [www.ambermadisononline.com](http://www.ambermadisononline.com).



Sarah Wright photo

Amber Madison, 22, is the author of "Hooking Up: A Girl's All-Out Guide to Sex & Sexuality." She is a graduate of Tufts University.



Sarah Wright photo

Madison, who favors a comedic approach, utilizes a diagram of a vagina during her speech on Thursday night in Holloway Hall.

### Finding that perfect costume

Students Jessica Riviera, Katy Likovich and Carly Ball look through old clothes at the Theatre Program's Costume Shop, held this past Friday in Fulton. Costumes were \$5 each and all proceeds went to the theatre department. The purpose of the sale, according to Riviera, was to get rid of the old costumes and raise money for new fabrics. "There was some stuff in there from shows that were held in the 1960s," she said.



## Meeting of the Minds invites students to debate

By Alyana Gomez  
Staff Writer

With the presidential elections approaching, many students may still be undecided on their vote or on which issues to focus. Kiya Amajioyi, a 20-year-old senior at Salisbury University, is hosting an event called "Meeting of the Minds" on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. in the Wilcomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center.

"Meeting of the Minds" will consist of two panels discussing the different views and issues associated with the presidential elections. The two panels will

consist of students from various political parties, posing questions and providing detailed answers.

Amajioyi came forward with the idea after watching the debates and panel discussions and then decided to bring it to campus for students to engage in political debates. He wanted to find a way for students to voice their opinions on the campaigns, candidates and the important issues being addressed in this election.

Many people have been deeply involved in the race between Barack Obama and John McCain however, some college students

have a difficult time keeping up with all the commotion during the debates. Amajioyi felt as though this show would be the perfect opportunity for students to retain important information and knowledge about the issues that have been brought forth and to then decide which candidate they wish to vote for.

The "Meeting of the Minds" show will be recorded and shown on the local television station PAC 14 for the town of Salisbury and on the campus station, channel 23. There is also a promotion video of Amajioyi providing a preview of the upcoming event to inform the

public about the issues arising and the lack of student participation, which can be found at <http://blip.tv/file/1363061>.

"Come and participate in a conversational and influential experience. I would like for people to come out so they can gain knowledge on each candidate to decide why or why not they wish to vote for Obama or McCain," said Amajioyi.

If anyone wishes to participate in the actual panel of students, please contact Amajioyi at [ka04321@students.salisbury.edu](mailto:ka04321@students.salisbury.edu). Individuals from all political viewpoints are invited to sit on the panel of this heated debate.

## SantosPostal Intern returns to Salisbury University with a greater understanding of accounting



Salisbury University's own Kristen Frederick knows what to expect for her future as an accountant. Working this past summer for SantosPostal in Rockville, Md., Kristen worked almost the entire summer, 40 hours/week, as an intern. This Howard County native learned about tax accounting, auditing, and financial statement preparation among other tasks. "My internship brought on a real-world aspect to my major, and I learned what it would be like to work after I graduate and the kinds of tasks I would be doing."

Kristen decided to go into the accounting field after taking a high school accounting class in her hometown of Clarksville, Md. Interning for SantosPostal this past summer enabled her to work with professionals who had taken the same courses she now takes, and as a result, she was given great advice about school and how to prepare for certain classes. She was further able to observe her co-workers studying for their CPA exams for the first time, also giving her knowledge about what to expect upon graduation.

Kristen's experience at SantosPostal significantly enhanced the knowledge she gains through her studies in the accounting field at college. "The thing I liked most about my internship was simply on-the-job training and being able to come back to school with a more practical sense of accounting and a greater understanding of the subject matter." - Submitted article



## Reflections of Nature art show promotes disability awareness



Brett Morgan photo

The "Reflections of Nature" exhibit displays the talents of those with disabilities and mental illnesses. It is on display in the Atrium Gallery.

By Laura Bounds  
Staff Writer

As a tribute to National Disability and Depression Awareness Month, Salisbury University hosts the art exhibit "Reflections of Nature" in the Atrium Gallery of the Guerrieri Center. Available October 13-22, the outsider exhibit displays the talents of those with disabilities and mental illnesses.

Created by children, adolescents and adults, the showcase presents a unique occasion for artists who are confronted by mental illness, developmental disorders and substance abuse. This opportunity allows participants to gain a therapeutic experience and develop their creativity in preparing pieces for display.

The Celebration of the Arts program theme, back to nature, consists of original paintings, photography, sketches and ceramics. While the artists have had little or no formal art training, the talent portrayed shows of ability, skill and passion. Exhibit sites

were selected around the state that provided visibility and opportunities for new public awareness.

"The event is planned to educate members of the general public about the aptitude of individuals living with disabilities in order to reduce the stigma associated with their challenges," said Sheila Askew, Treatment Mall Coordinator for the Eastern Shore Hospital Center. "Raising awareness to good mental health and early intervention in seeking help with any disability is important, as is realizing that symptoms of many conditions can be relieved through effective treatment and management strategies."

One goal of the exhibit is to highlight the advantages of art activities in daily lives. Engaging patients and their families in the project allows for participation in a positive and rewarding atmosphere. "By offering our local and state wide community a different portrayal of individuals with mental illness and other disabili-

ties, we hope that the community at large can understand, accept and strengthen the individuality of persons with disabilities," Askew said. "In so many ways, the art show serves as a tool to support involvement in the arts, to increase awareness to mental illness and other disabling conditions and to instill hope for productive and satisfying lives for all of us."

"Reflections of Nature" is supported by grants from the Maryland State Arts Council, and funded by the State of Maryland and National Endowment for the Arts. The exhibit is sponsored by the auxiliary of the Eastern Shore Hospital Center, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and organized by the Eastern Shore Hospital Center's Volunteer Services Department. Several pieces of art will be repainted into cards and prints for sale to benefit the artists and assist with show expenses. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday-Wednesday. Admission is free and the public is welcome. For information call 410-548-3972.



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The exhibit will run from October 13 - 22.

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## Women's Soccer beats Marymount

### Offense scores five goals in blow out win

By Jeremy Kummer  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury women's soccer team (6-4-4, CAC 4-0-2) defeated Marymount for the twentieth consecutive time last Tuesday. Salisbury is now 20-0 all-time against this Capital Athletic Conference opponent after defeating them 5-0. "We haven't had that many goals in a long time. It feels good to finally be able to put the ball in the back of net," said head coach Jim Nester.

Freshman Sarah Jessilouis scored the first Salisbury goal after a perfect lob pass from junior Hillary Grove at the 7:20 mark in the first half. Jessilouis then scored her second of the game at the 24:06 mark of the second half on a shot from the left side of the goal box. Marymount recorded a yellow card midway through the second half and the

result was a free kick by sophomore midfielder Samantha Kauffman, who capitalized on the opportunity. Kauffman scored again at the 20:33 mark to stretch Salisbury's lead to four. Freshman Danielle Crowley joined in on the action as she scored Salisbury's fifth and final goal with just under nine minutes left in the game.

Traditionally, Marymount's women's soccer team has never really been able to keep up with Salisbury, and Tuesday's contest was no exception. Salisbury overwhelmed Marymount in this game because they were just too fast, too strong and simply too good. The Sea Gulls out scored Marymount 23-4 as senior goalie Gena Goodson recorded her sixth shutout of the season with two saves.

Marymount was the first of a four game in conference series



Telecia Taylor photo

SU defeated Marymount 5 - 0.

for Salisbury. The Sea Gulls finish their season with three more CAC opponents and need to do well if they want to not only participate, but also make a good run in the CAC Tournament. "There is still a lot of soccer to be played, but if we finish our plays like we did today, we will be fine," Nester said. "We can't be happy just getting there, finishing and capitalizing on our opportunities will be the difference."

Salisbury traveled to Fredrick and defeated conference rival Hood College 5-0 on Saturday. The Blazers had won three of their last five and were in sixth place in the CAC with an 8-5-1, 3-3 CAC record. Next, Salisbury goes to Gallaudet to take on the 0-14 Bison. Salisbury wraps up the season at home when they take on first place St. Mary's (7-1-3, CAC 4-0-1). If Salisbury can win two out of their last three, they should be shoe-ins for the CAC tournament, which starts Nov. 1.



Telecia Taylor photo

SU's Kelli Salter fends off Marymount opponent last Tuesday at the Sea Gull soccer complex.

## SU offers strength and conditioning program

By Wayne Turner  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 8 SU launched a five-week strength and conditioning program for the community and students. Matt Nein, SU's strength and conditioning coordinator, is in charge of the program. According to Nein, there were 50 people in the beginning and each week more and more people began to drop off. He also added that there were around 15 people that attended the workouts on a daily basis.

The training ran on a rotational schedule. The people attending the workouts rotated between weight training and pool workouts. The sessions ran from 7 - 8 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Exercises such as ladder drills, suicides and pro-shuttle agility were part of the program. These exercises aim at sharpening athletic skill.

A few strength and conditioning interns helped out with the program to make it a success and went as far as assisting individuals with training techniques. "We would do conditioning and agility at the same time, I actually participated too," said strength and conditioning intern David Leonard. According to Leonard, there were no males that participated in the workouts other than himself. Many of the participants were female varsity athletes.

Strength and conditioning exercises are important components to the varsity sports here at the University. Student athletes are training in various ways to enhance their performance on the playing fields or courts. This program was a chance to offer the same opportunities to the students that the athletes receive.

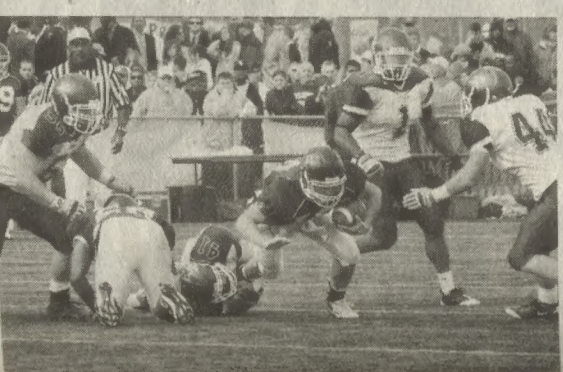
The program also received help from graduate assistant Lou Lombardo. He took over leading the training after Nein started it off. Nein plans on scheduling two more monthly sessions in the spring. One will be for speed and agility training and the other session will be working solely on conditioning.

The five-week strength and conditioning program was a great success on campus and Nein, with the help of graduate assistants and interns, plans to make next semester even more beneficial to athletes and those who seek healthy and fit lives.

## Sea Gull Quick Pics



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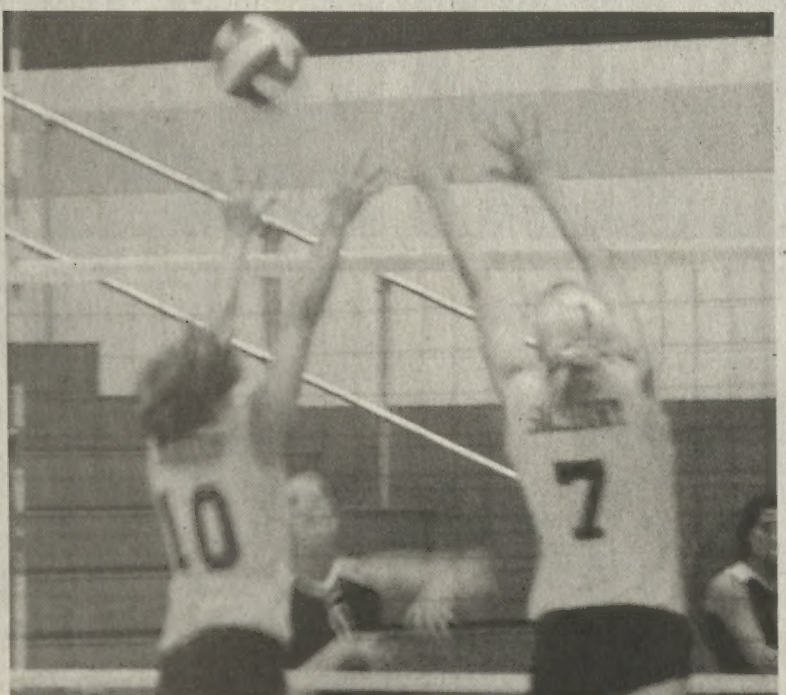


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## Volleyball wins big on Senior Night



Dan McFarland photo

Rachel Downes and Alexandria Malesick block the ball against York on Wednesday night. SU swept York in three straight sets.

By Jeffrey Southworth  
Sports Editor

The No. 22 SU women's volleyball team (28-1, CAC 6-0) extended their winning streak to 28 games on Wednesday after sweeping conference rival York in straight sets on Senior Night, 25-10, 25-7 and 25-21. Seniors Stacey Krebs, Sabrina Larmer, Jaime Marzocchi and Stephanie Withers were recognized before the game with flowers and applause.

In their four years together, the senior class posted a 103-35 record and appeared in four consecutive CAC tournament semifinal games. Last season, they won the conference title and advanced to the NCAA tournament. "The seniors always play well and provide great leadership. They provide great emotion and help us stay confident on the court at all

times," said junior middle Nicole Massarelli.

Krebs, the all-time leading scorer, and Marzocchi led the way for the SU offense. Krebs finished the match with 14 kills, while Marzocchi recorded 24 assists. "We came out fired up. It was a conference game at home. Senior Night added a lot of emotion," Krebs said. The emotion was visible in Krebs' performance. "Stacey always plays with a lot of emotion, it's contagious. When she plays well, we all do," Massarelli said.

Senior Night was not all about the seniors, as juniors Massarelli (eight kills, two blocks), Rachel Downes (nine kills) and Gabby Long (26 digs) contributed to the twenty-third shutout of the season. Sophomore Melissa Stansbury offered up the most exciting run of the match by serving

"The seniors always play well and provide strong leadership."

Nicole Massarelli  
Junior Middle Hitter

ing for 18 straight points in set two. Stansbury saw the score go from 4-4 to 22-4.

The win over York was the twenty-eighth consecutive victory for the Gulls, adding to their already historic winning streak. "We do talk about it. Not so much to motivate, but we do talk about it. We're really focused, not so much on the win streak as the next opponent," said head coach Margie Knight. "I did read them out for passing poorly, but then I did say 'well we're 28-1,'" she joked.

SU defeated York without senior starter Withers, who injured her ankle a week before at practice after landing on a teammate's foot. "It feels good, they're hoping I can practice on Monday or Tuesday," Withers said. The loss of Withers has not slowed down the Gulls' offense. "Sabrina [Larmer] brings something different. Kathleen [Cinelli] brings something different and Melissa [Stansbury] can step in and hit," Knight said. Knight also added that Withers is expected to practice this week and hopefully be ready for next week's match at St. Mary's.

The Gulls are off a week before they take the nation's best winning streak to St. Mary's on Friday, Oct. 24. The Gulls will stay at St. Mary's the rest of the weekend to play in the Seahawk Tournament.

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#### Men's Soccer

The SU men's soccer team (11-3-2, CAC 4-2) tied Christopher Newport University 1-1 in double overtime on Wednesday and went on to defeat Hood College 6-0 on Saturday.

Against CNU, SU trailed at the half, but went on to tie the game in the 53rd minute behind a Ben DeLisle goal. The Gulls put the ball in the back of the net late in the game, but had the go-ahead goal waved off due to an offside penalty. Goalie Greg Welington made four saves.

On Saturday, SU rolled over Hood in the CAC matchup. The Gulls offense recorded 46 shots, 21 of which were on goal. Sam Fortine scored twice, while Alex Hangrove, Dave Corrigan, Chase Grey and DeLisle all scored one apiece. SU scored twice in the first half, and went on to score four goals in the second.

#### SU returns home on Wednesday

Oct. 22, to take on Marymount at 4 p.m.

#### Women's Soccer

The Salisbury women's soccer team (6-4-4, CAC 4-0-2) recorded their second straight shutout after defeating Hood College 3-0 on Saturday.

Danielle Crowley scored the first goal in the 14th minute. SU added another goal in the 37th minute when an SU shot bounced off a Hood defender into the back of the Blazers' net.

Sarah Jessilouis scored her fifth goal of the season nine minutes into the second half. Goalie Gena Goodson recorded six saves in the win.

SU travels to Washington, DC, on Tuesday to take on Gallaudet at 4 p.m.

## Cross Country prepares for championship

By Therran Dennis  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University cross-country team ran well in this past weekend's Gettysburg Invitational. The meet was held on Saturday, as both the men and the women traveled to Gettysburg to race against 21 other schools. The Sea Gulls earned top six finishes in both the men's and women's races against a large field of opponents. The meet was run in preparation for the Capitol Athletic Conference championship meet which will be held next Saturday, Nov. 1. The Gulls have run very well at the CAC championship in the past.

At the Invitational, the Sea Gull men's team, led by junior Travis Boocher, finished in fourth place out of the 19 schools that compet-

ed in the men's 8k race after accumulating 128 total points. Boocher finished 12th overall in the race with a time of 26:12. Senior Zack Dickerson, last week's CAC Cross Country Men's Athlete of the Week, finished 21st with a time of 26:30. Sophomore Sam Boimov placed 23rd with a time of 26:33, while sophomore Chris Barnard finished in 25th with a time of 26:34. "The guys started out kind of slow today," said head coach Jim Jones of his men's squad. "Sam and Chris fell behind early in the race, but caught up with Zack at the end."

Junior Bill Nastasiak finished 47th with a time of 27:05. Johns Hopkins University placed first in the men's race, followed by a second place finish by the host

Gettysburg College, and a third place finish by the United States Coast Guard Academy.

The Sea Gull women's team, led by sophomore Masha Berge, finished in sixth place out of the 21 schools that competed in the women's 6k race after finishing the day with 229 total points. Berge finished 24th overall with a time of 24:02. Sophomore Kristin Stromberg finished 35th with a time of 24:13. The other Gulls who finished the 6k were senior Jenn Bulger, who finished 42nd with a time of 24:26, senior Amy DeMichele, who finished 54th with a time of 24:40 and freshman Emily Powell, who finished 85th with a time of 25:18. "The women are continuing to run well," Jones said. "The women are

progressing on a good level right now."

Johns Hopkins placed first in the women's race as well, followed by a second place finish by Haverford College and a third place finish by Susquehanna University.

Next Saturday, the team will travel to Fredericksburg, Va., as the University of Mary Washington will host the 2008 cross-country CAC championships. The men will be looking for their fourth straight championship crown, as the women will be looking to earn their fourth title in the past five seasons. The Sea Gulls have a combined 11 championship titles all-time, and will be looking to add to their rich running tradition.

## Field Hockey falls in overtime to TCNJ

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The No. 9 Salisbury University field hockey team (10-3, CAC 4-0) faced off with out-of-state rival and second ranked The College of New Jersey last Saturday underneath the lights of Sea Gull Stadium. The two teams managed to keep each other off the scoreboard for the first 32 minutes, before both teams scored in the final three minutes to enter half-time tied at one. The score would remain tied throughout the second half and into overtime until the 76th minute when TCNJ sophomore Leigh Mitchell was able to beat the SU defense and keeper to earn the game-winning goal.

Salisbury got on the board first, breaking the scoreless tie in the 32nd minute of the contest, as the teams leading point scorer would strike again. Junior Lauren Correll scored her 13th goal on the season streaking down the right sideline past two helpless TCNJ defenders opening up a clear lane to the goal. The TCNJ keeper came out to challenge the



Dan McFarland photo

Junior Lauren Correll fights for the ball against No. 2 TCNJ on Saturday under the lights of Sea Gull Stadium. Field Hockey lost in overtime, providing TCNJ with a sudden death victory.

breakaway, but it proved fruitless as Correll managed to pop a shot past the goalie and into the netting of the cage.

SU's advantage would not last for long however as the Lions

(11-1) struck back just two minutes later to even the contest at one. TCNJ had good offensive possessions throughout the first half and it paid off in the 34th

minute when Katie Reuther gathered a rebound in traffic and sent it back towards the net, beating Gulls keeper Anna Cooke. The two squads would go into half-time tied at one and it would stay

that way until the overtime session.

The Gulls were able to out-shoot TCNJ 11-10 but could not muster a shot in overtime, as the Lions controlled possession for the entirety of the extra frame. TCNJ's Reuther carried the ball into the circle before sending a perfect pass to her cutting teammate Mitchell who beat an SU defender to the ball and put a quick shot past a helpless Cooke for the game winner. The Lions stormed the field to celebrate their sudden death victory, while several SU players left the field on their knees in defeat.

"It really puts the pressure on us, because we can't loose again," said SU head coach Dawn Chamberlin. "If we would have won this, it was a big game; it would have given us a little bit of a jump in the polls. But now we'll probably stay right where we are, and that means we have three regular-season games to finish out and then we have to win our conference, and we can't afford another loss. If we have another loss, that could put us out [of the NCAA tournament] all together."

## Students gets hyped at the Homecoming Pep Rally



Dan McFarland photo

Cheerleaders get lifted to pump up the crowd in Mags Gym for Wednesday night's Pep Rally.

By Ben Muell  
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Last week's homecoming festivities started on Wednesday with the pep rally, which celebrated each fall and winter sport. The pep rally was hosted by SOAP (Student Organization for Activity Planning). SOAP tossed tons of give-away prizes such as homecoming t-shirts, water bottles and key chains into the crowd-packed gymnasium bleachers. SOAP also raffled off a Salisbury hoody, tanning gift certificates and two Pat's Pizzeria gift certificates.

The first sports team to be introduced was the No. 22 women's volleyball team who had just rattled off their 28th consecutive victory only an hour before. Next up was the singing group Squawkapella, whose performance featured a beat box accompanying performance of "Gotta Have Faith." One of the evening's highlights was the dance competition with the winner receiving an iPod Nano. Of the five contestants, there were three ladies and two guys on the floor, but it wasn't

even close. One anonymous gentleman, dressed in all black, blew away the other four and astonished the crowd with his break dancing. Next, the women's field hockey team, currently ranked No. 9 in the nation was introduced. Their next home game is Saturday against Mary Washington at 1 p.m. The homecoming court followed and the three ladies and three gentlemen nominated introduced themselves. The nine members of the Step Squad got the crowd excited with a stomping performance. Head women's basketball coach Charisse Mapp then introduced her very young team, whose first home game will be Nov. 22 against The College of New Jersey. Next was the three-point shootout,

which featured three men and women. Junior wide receiver DJ Nelson won after scoring 12 hoops. After that, the men's basketball team was introduced. Junior point guard Devin Jones asked that everyone attend the home opener Dec. 3 against Mary Washington for the blackout, which asks everyone in attendance to wear all black. The men's squad will open up on the road down in Norfolk against an always-tough Virginia Wesleyan. The dance group, the Untouchables, then treated the crowd to a shaking dance. The women's soccer team was the final women's team introduced, their final home game is this Saturday against St. Mary's, matching the top two teams in the CAC.

The final introduction was for the fashionably late football team. Head coach Sherman Wood first introduced the 17 members of the decorated and winning senior class followed by introductions by position. Coach Wood then led his team in the Sea Gull Jumping Jacks, and finished up in front of a standing room only crowd with two songs, "Gold Pride" and the old time hit, "Sea Gulls Travel the Water."



Dan McFarland photo

The SU Dance Squad blows spirited kisses to the audience during their performance on Wednesday night at the 2008 Pep Rally.

By Edward Baidoo  
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Orenthal James Simpson was recently convicted in a Las Vegas courthouse of all twelve counts he was facing, and is now facing the possibility of spending the rest of his life in prison. Simpson got in all this trouble because of a dispute about his own sports memorabilia that turned violent. These charges include armed robbery, felony kidnapping and assault with a deadly weapon.

The incident that put Simpson in his current predicament happened in Sept. 2007 in a Las Vegas hotel, where he and a few other people held up two sports memorabilia dealers, Alfred Beardsley and Bruce Fromong, at gunpoint. Simpson was trying to get back some of his memorabilia from Beardsley and Fromong, who had allegedly stolen the items in question from Simpson.

O.J. Simpson was a star going all the way back to his college days at the University of Southern California. He accumulated plenty of accolades and became a star running back for the Trojans. During his time there, he achieved awards like the Maxwell Award, which is given to the best running back in the country, and the Heisman Trophy, which is the most presti-

gious achievement given to the best college football player in the country. His dominance at USC not only earned him a spot in the College Football Hall of Fame in 1983, but also made Simpson the first pick in the 1969 NFL Draft by the Buffalo Bills.

In his eleven seasons in the NFL, Simpson had great success that proved him worthy of being an overall first pick. In 1973, he became the first running back to rush for 2,000 yards in a single season. During his NFL career, he was named player of the year three times, a six time pro-bowler and eventually made his way into the Hall of Fame in 1985.

Then he gained fame again in the mid-1990s, but for a completely different reason. In June of 1994, Simpson was accused, arrested and put on trial for a double murder of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. After over a year of trial and testimonies, Simpson was found not guilty and was a free man again.

Simpson is now back in the news for accusations against him, but he is not going to get the same result that he got last time as he has already been convicted on all charges brought against him. Now only time will determine how long Simpson will have to serve for this latest ordeal.

## O.J. Simpson faces life in prison

## Student Athlete Spotlight

Jamie Weaver



By Rachel Graub  
Staff Writer

Sophomore Jaime Weaver is from Moorestown, New Jersey. This past year, she re-started the club field hockey team after the club was idle. Weaver has been playing field hockey for eight years, and came to SU looking to play. Weaver leads the primarily self-coached team of 42 girls. The team plays teams from American, University of Delaware, University of Maryland, University of Maryland-Baltimore and George Washington.

What made you re-start the club team?

I came here almost playing for the school team, but I didn't do that so I wanted to play club. The school didn't have one at the time and it was too late to start one, so I had to wait until this year to start it back up.

What is the best thing about having a club team at Salisbury?

I know a lot of girls who wanted to play field hockey, just from classes and living in the dorms I found so many girls who were interested in playing, but couldn't play for the school, so a club team is perfect. We had 60 girls come out at first, and I was shocked that so many girls came out to play.

How did you get started playing field hockey?

I played soccer my whole life and I wanted something different to play in middle and high school so I thought I would try field hockey.

What are your goals in five years? I'm an elementary education major, so ideally I'd like to teach third grade math and I would definitely want to coach somewhere when I'm older.

Who is your hero?

I can't really think of a specific person, but someone who is well rounded and has achieved things in all aspects of their life like in sports, their career and socially.

Would you say you're a competitive person?

Yes definitely when it comes to sports, I take the club team very seriously.

If you could have any super power what would it be?

To be able to read people's minds.

If you won a million dollars, what would you do with it?

Go on a big shopping spree and then probably save most of it for the future.

What is one fact about field hockey that most people wouldn't know?

A lot of people think field hockey is a girl's sport but our league is co-ed, so we play a lot of guys. There aren't any guys on our team, but it was weird playing against them at first.

# SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday-10/21	Wednesday-10/22	Thursday-10/23	Friday-10/24	Saturday-10/25	Sunday-10/26	Monday-10/27
Field Hockey @ Stevenson 4 p.m. Women's Soccer @ Gallaudet 4 p.m.	Men's Soccer Marymount (Va.) 4 p.m.		Volleyball at St. Mary's (Md.) 4 p.m. Volleyball vs. Neumann @ St. Mary's City, Md. (Seahawk Tournament) 6 p.m.	Volleyball vs. Marietta @ St. Mary's City, Md. 10 a.m. Football at Becker Noon Field Hockey v. Mary Washington 1 p.m. Women's soccer v. St. Mary's 1 p.m. Volleyball vs. Gwynedd-Mercy 2 p.m. Men's soccer at Mary Washington 3:30 p.m.		



